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## Tribal courthouse robbed

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Above: BIA officers attempt to serve an arrest warrant for Jeremy Oliver.

Right: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Courthouse in Concho, Okla.



Photos by Rosemary Stephens and Rebecca Lyman

On Jan. 21, 2011 at approximately 3:15 p.m. the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court's official court seal stamps were stolen.

Eyewitness accounts stated two men, identified as Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' legislative branch attorney, Jeremy Oliver and legislative branch paralegal, Michael

Sulphur, entered the courthouse to inquire about the court docket set for Monday, Jan. 24, 2011. The two men then left the building.

A few minutes later eyewitnesses said Oliver stormed behind the counter into the court clerks' office shouting "I have an executive order", grabbed up the court seal stamps and darted from the courthouse.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was called in to investigate. The court clerks identified Oliver and Sulphur via photographs.

"It took me by surprise and I was a little bit afraid," Fran Wilson, court clerk said.

On Jan. 27, 2011 an arrest warrant was issued for Oliver charging him with breaking and entering, larceny, false pretense, second degree assault, robbery,

criminal conspiracy, unofficial misconduct, impersonating public servant, obstructing governmental function and tampering with public property. His bail was set at \$33,250.

BIA officers attempted to serve the warrant on Oliver, however, at the time of press, have been unsuccessful in locating him.

Oliver is a member of the Chickasaw Nation tribe and serves as the chief legal officer and adviser for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' third legislature.

An ongoing investigation is being conducted to determine what, if any, charges will be brought against Sulphur.

The *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* attempted to contact Oliver for a statement, however he was unavailable for comment as of press time.

## Life's Journeys A man of many hats

By Rebecca Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

In Geary Okla. John K. Fletcher sits with his daughter, Mary Fletcher, in the lobby area of the Geary Nursing Home chatting about times gone by.

Fletcher, a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member was born Aug. 7, 1931 in Concho, Okla. to Jo Fletcher and Myrcine North Fletcher.

Fletcher met the love of his life, Wilma Jo Fletcher in Dec. of 1954 only two weeks after his return home from Korea and the Vietnam War. Together John and Wilma raised five children, Grant Allen, Alberta K. Daukie, Mary Louis, John K. Jr., and Joseph Michael. Fletcher said he is blessed with ten grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren.

Throughout his life Fletcher took on many occupations and activities.

His daughter Mary said they lived and grew up in a two-room house in Geary, Okla.

"The kitchen and living room was one room and the bedroom," Mary said. "We had an out house that my father would re-build every two years,".

Fletcher spoke softly about the small farm he had in Geary with his family.

"A horse, some cattle and a duck," Fletcher said. "The children would put crackers in their pockets to tease the duck so that it would follow the children all over the yard."

Fletcher said he did not graduate from Concho Indian School because he wanted to sign up and serve for the U.S. Marine Corps.

During his 12-year service he was honored with the Silver Star for Combat and the Purple Heart for being wounded. Once home he went to work for the Cheyenne and Arapaho farm and ranch program.

Mary said my dad took care of the cattle, grew wheat and worked on the swine project for the tribes.

"My father taught us how to be ranchers, we are a very traditional family in the Arapaho ways."

Mary turned to her father and asked him to share why he believes so strongly in the Arapaho traditions.

As Fletcher lifted his arm and waved his hand in front of himself, he said, "I remember my friends, seeing them getting shot when I was over there (Vietnam)."

Then Fletcher paused for a moment, as tears began to swell in his eyes. Sitting in the Geary Nursing Home it seemed the memory he shared had taken him back to when he was at battle.

"I said a prayer with my cross and asked the good Lord to let me go home and if He did let me go home I would live the Arapaho ways," Fletcher said. "So I did."

A military man was not the only duty Fletcher took on proudly. In the late 1960s and early 1970s he became a police officer in Geary, Okla. Fletcher said that one evening the town had a meeting and appointed him to serve their community as a police officer

"Everyone knew of the Fletcher family and the children were always playing at our house," Mary said. "My father would play softball with all of us in our yard."

He quit working as an officer and went to work for Halliburton on an oilrig for 13-years.

"What ever I needed to do to make a check," Fletcher said.

Mary was proud to say, "my father was also a boxer."



John K. Fletcher, age 18, U.S. Marine



Photo by Rebecca Lyman

John Fletcher, age 80

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## A Letter from the desk of the Governor



Photo by Rebecka Lyman  
Gov. Janice Boswell

A new year is upon us, and with it comes a slate of new resolutions, challenges and opportunities. It offers a chance to begin anew, to leave the past behind and seize on the promise of our collective future.

That sense of excitement was palpa-

ble earlier this month on a cold, snowy morning in Oklahoma City. On Jan. 10, 2011 I had the honor of joining hundreds of others at the Oklahoma State Capitol for the inaugural ceremonies of Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin. The swearing-in of the state’s first woman to serve as governor struck me -- the first woman to be elected governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes – as deeply stirring. I could not help but think of all the women, from Chief Wilma Mankiller to first Oklahoma astronaut, Sally Ride, whose courage, tenacity and vision forged a trail for all of us.

Moreover, Gov. Fallin has been a good friend to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. As a member of Oklahoma’s congressional delegation, she was very helpful in our tribes securing the federal grant that will enable us to launch the first tribal educational television station in Oklahoma.

Judging by meetings I’ve held with various tribal members this month, that TV station -- which is expected to be

operational by early 2012 – has generated a fair amount of enthusiasm. By the time you read this, I will have had community meetings with tribal members in Clinton, Elk City, Hammon, Kingfisher, Seiling, Weatherford and Watonga. I am thankful for the level of civic involvement displayed by everyone who attended these gatherings. People had plenty of questions on such issues as healthcare, childcare, education, farm program, ranching and gaming.

Ensuring adequate tribal revenue is crucial for government services, of course, and so it is important that we continue building on the successes of our tribes’ gaming operations. That’s why I am pleased that a special Tribal Council meeting held Jan. 8, 2011 approved six resolutions that will help us continue our commitment to excellence and success in gaming.

With 2011 underway, I offer you my sincerest wishes for a wonderful year ahead.

## Healthy, positive lifestyles for Native youth

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

“Project power, providing opportunities for wellness, exercise and recreation equals fitness,” said Diane Clayton, MS, RD/LD, director of the Wellness Center in Oklahoma City Indian Health Clinic (OKCIC). She showed excitement and was all smiles when she spoke to the families and youth about the new program and the up coming events planned for the spring of 2011.

At 6:00 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2011 OKCIC Wellness Center and the Behavioral Health department provided a family fun night for all Native American families. Information was provided to the families and their youth about an existing afternoon program that was transformed into project power fitness which encompasses all the youth programs including the Turtle Camp, family and youth fitness and the after school program.

The family and youth fitness program is an expansion from the youth fitness program in 2010. The family and youth fitness program will offer a series of fitness programs throughout 2011.

Clayton said the idea behind Project Power is to provide Native youth and their families a variety of physical activity opportunities that support family wellness and increased fitness.

“We will have sports clinics on Saturdays, starting in May, evening bike nights are under way, after school program and the Turtle camp are all coming this spring, so bring your children,” Clayton said. “All you have to do is get your children here.”

Clayton outlined a few of the fitness activities that were upcoming and some that are already going on, such as the Saturday sports clinic, which is promoted by the Health Promotion Disease



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Native American family listens to the speaker about the information provided from family fun night.

Prevention Program (HPDP). Twenty Native youth are eligible and encouraged to take advantage of their first baseball/softball hitting clinic on Feb. 22, 2011. The after school program is a 12 week nutrition and physical program for native youth second through fifth graders.

Clayton says for every child that completes a nine out of 11 week session will receive a new bike and helmet.

For more information about project power fitness and other family and youth fitness programs contact Clayton at (405) 948-4900 ext. 160 or Steve Daugherty at ext. 166.

## G.E.D. pretesting

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Adult Education Program will be conducting a G.E.D. certification pretest from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Feb. 9, 2011 at the Canton Native American Community Center in Canton, Okla.

The program will pay for the G.E.D. test, provided program requirements are met.

The pretest will take

approximately four and a half hours.

The program also offers tutoring and a monetary incentive award for the successful completion of the G.E.D. test.

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If you need additional information contact John White Eagle Jr. at (580) 623-2784.

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# Court ordered notification in \$3.4 billion Indian trust settlement to begin

Submitted by Tyler Tullis

*Hundreds of Thousands of Native Americans must act soon to participate in the Settlement*



Photo by Karen Kuehn  
Eloise Cobell

Washington, D.C. – Jan. 26, 2011 – The court-ordered process of notifying individual Indians of their right to participate in the historic \$3.4 billion class action settlement, Cobell v. Salazar, is underway. The settlement resolves claims related to Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts and land held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians.

Class members all over the country are receiving detailed information about their legal rights and options via U.S. Mail. Information will also be provided through an extensive media campaign, which includes Native America print media, television and radio ads, and on-line advertising.

On Dec. 21, 2010, U.S. Senior District Judge Thomas F. Hogan granted preliminary approval of the settlement, setting in motion a process through which hundreds of thousands of individual Indians who have or had government-managed IIM accounts or trust lands may receive some of the \$3.4 billion settlement fund.

The judge's approval came after Con-

gress passed and the President signed legislation approving the settlement. Current estimates project that most class members will receive about \$1,800, with some class members receiving much more depending on the level of activity in their IIM accounts.

The \$3.4 billion settlement was reached between the Departments of the Interior and Treasury and the individual Indian plaintiffs in December 2009. The settlement resolves the government's failure to provide an historical accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mismanaged funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing and other leases of individual Indian lands, mostly in the west.

The settlement provides a \$1.5 billion fund to compensate an estimated 500,000 affected individual Indian trust beneficiaries who have or had IIM accounts or own trust land. The settlement creates two groups of class members eligible to receive money from the fund—the Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class.

The Historical Accounting Class comprises individual Indians who were alive on Sept. 30, 2009, who had an open IIM account anytime between Oct. 25, 1994 and Sept. 30, 2009, and whose account had at least one cash transaction.

The Trust Administration Class comprises individual Indians alive on Sept. 30, 2009, who had an IIM Account at any time from 1985 through Sept. 30, 2009, recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems, as well as individual Indians who, as of Sept. 30, 2009, had a recorded or demonstrable interest in land held in trust or restricted status.

The estates of deceased class members will also receive a settlement distribution if the deceased beneficiary's account was open as of Sept. 30, 2009, or their land interest was open in probate

as of that date. Other eligibility conditions and requirements for each class are detailed in the settlement agreement.

Under the settlement agreement, \$1.9 billion will fund a Department of the Interior program to buy fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers to benefit tribal communities and aid in land consolidation. Depending on the level of participation in the land consolidation program, up to \$60 million will be set aside to provide scholarships for higher education for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

Information about the settlement and legal rights is available to all American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The website [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) and toll-free number (800) 961-6109 are available to provide more information about the settlement and the legal rights of class members. Individuals who are unsure whether they are included in the Settlement should visit the website or call the toll-free number for more information.

Class members who receive a formal notice in the mail about the settlement and who are currently receiving IIM account statements do not have to do anything to receive payment. Individuals who believe they should be part of the settlement but do not receive a notice in the mail or are not receiving IIM account statements need to fill out a claim form as soon as possible, available at the Indian Trust website or by calling the toll-free number.

Individuals wishing to keep their right to sue the federal government over mismanagement claims covered by the settlement must exclude themselves from the settlement by April 20, 2011. Class members can also submit written comments or objections about any settlement terms that concern them by April 20, 2011.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALL CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS  
(18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE February 19, 2011)

**Special Tribal Council Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 19, 2011 – 10 A.M.**  
**Concho Community Hall - Concho, OK**

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes.

A petition calling for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council for **Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 10 A.M. to be held at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, OK**, was received on January 21, 2011. Verification of 151 valid signatures was completed by the Tribal Enrollment Director on January 24, 2011.

The following items are posted at the Office of Tribal Council (located at Concho Community Hall), Office of Administration (formerly Business Manager's Office at Complex), and Cheyenne & Arapaho Website ([www.c-a-tribes.org](http://www.c-a-tribes.org)). Any resolution is available to the public.

### New Business:

1. Repeal Legislative Bill No. 3L-2010-RS-12-04, Terminating the Tribes' Public Law 93-638 Contract for its Firefighting Unit and Limiting the Tribes to Only One Fire Crew.
2. A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into all Agreements (Including Easements) Necessary and Proper for Provision of Utilities to Serve Concho, Clinton, Watonga, Canton, and Hammon Casinos, and any Successors and Assigns to those Casinos, Pursuant to the Constitution, Article V, Section 2(c).
3. A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into Contracts on Behalf of the Tribes in an Amount up to \$500,000.00.
4. A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Enter into Public Law 93-638 Contracts Implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.
5. A Resolution to Authorize the Governor to Settle a Lawsuit with Southwest Casino and Hotel Corp. ("Southwest") for an amount up to \$5,550,000.00.

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, Article V, Section 3 (c) The Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council at least 15 days before such Meeting. This document serves as the required fifteen day public notice.

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Pictured l-r:

Back Row: Joseph Whitecrow, Denise Whitehead, Jakob Whitecrow, Vina Whitecrow, Kim Aldridge and Lola Ward.

Front Row: Sterlyn and Zachary Whitecrow

Vina Whitecrow, a student at High Plains Technology Center, was recently awarded the Woodward Lady Elks Scholarship.

This is an organization within the Woodward Elks Lodge number 1355. The Lady Elks sell ads for the Elks rodeo program and then sells the programs during the July rodeo. The proceeds from the sells make up the scholarship and is awarded to a deserving recipient.

Lola Ward, member of the Lady Elks stated “they have met some great people through this program.”



Submitted photos

The children at Clinton Headstart in Clinton, Okla. enjoy their outside play time, using their artistic abilities by painting, and motor skills for building wooden block towers.

Christine and Jandra Levi traveled to Louisiana Tech to watch Tahnee Robinson play basketball.

Tahnee plays for the University of Nevada and led the game with 14 points.

“It’s good to see an Indian girl not only playing on such a high/elite level, but she (Tahnee) is having success at it as well,” Christine said. “She has overcome some obstacles and she is someone that I’m proud for my daughter to look up to.”

She is the teams’ leading scorer, averaging 16.6 points a game and she is also 19 for 22 from the free throw line on the season.”

After the game, Tahnee came out and visited with Jandra and Christine and introduced them to the Wolfpack



Courtesy photo

Jandra Levi, with Nevada Wolfpack senior, Tahnee Robinson (Northern Cheyenne.)

Submitted photos



Penny Beals EL Reno Carnegie librarian read to the Concho Child Development children.

Trinity Black and Sophia Plentybears listen to the story along with Jacen Bear and Ross Island

The Concho Child Development Center’s toddlers and pre-school classes enjoyed a day out for story time at the El Reno Carnegie Library.

# Heart Health

Submitted article

During the month of February heart health will take center stage.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) focuses its attention on the awareness of heart disease. The American Heart Association (AHA) has designated Friday, Feb. 4, 2011 as National Wear Red Day. This day encourages women to wear red as a sign of support for research, education, and community programs (AHA).

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States (CDC). Heart disease is a name that is used to describe a lot of different diseases. Hypertension, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, congenital heart disease, and peripheral artery disease are just a few. There are risk factors that can provide clues about a person’s likelihood to develop heart disease. Risk factors like family history, old age, obesity, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, smoking, and diabetes. A person can decrease their risk of heart disease by losing weight, eating health, obtaining regular blood pressure readings, smoking cessation, or keeping diabetes under control.

Exercise is important to prevent heart disease or slow the progression of heart disease. The heart is a muscle that can be strengthened through exercise. During exercise, the heartbeat is quicker, and the amount of blood that pumps through the heart increases. When the heart receives exercise on a regular basis, the heart works more efficiently. The heart does not beat as much, and more blood is pumped through the heart. The National Health Lung and Blood Institute website discusses a very important benefit from exercise. The benefit is that exercise increases the high-density lipoproteins (HDL). This increase in HDL will help to decrease the amount of low density lipoprotein (LDL). Consequently, exercise improves the lipid profile which means exercise helps to lower cholesterol.

A physician should be consulted before the start of exercise. If there are any questions or for more information, please call the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Health Education program at (405) 422-7674.

# The Sand Creek Massacre

By Robert Pedro, Fourth Generation Southern Arapaho Ceremonial Man



Courtesy photo

The Sand Creek Massacre was the darkest page in the history of the Southern Arapaho.

It was the slaughter of the buffalo herds that broke the plains tribes. No longer were the people able to live in villages and work together. The women gathering and preparing food and clothing, the men hunting and raiding, the elders counseling and teaching. The buffalo became so few that small groups of families had to go out on the plains alone and try to survive. These were known as the ‘years of hunger ... each year worse than the year before.

This, coupled with broken treaties, denial of government rations and out and out war on the Indians, stretched the resolve of the Peace Chiefs, who had watched their people slaughtered. Their way of life decimated.

The tradition of the Southern Arapaho tribe in relation to the U.S. government’s war on Indians was always one of peace. The ‘Peace Chiefs, as they were known, were Left Hand, Little Raven, Yellow Bear, Storm and Little Big Mouth. Neva and No Ta Nee were peaceful until after the Sand Creek Massacre. (No Ta Nee was soon killed and Neva simply disappeared).

The southern Cheyenne Chiefs were

Black Kettle, White Antelope, Bull Bear, Sitting Bear and White Wolf. Chief Left Hand, who had learned English at a young age, dedicated his life to teach the way of peace. He negotiated patiently and relentlessly for this ideal. Left Hand worked to form a confederation of Chiefs who would act only for peace with the whites.

As agent to the tribes, Samuel G. Colley put it later, that the chiefs “were unanimously opposed to war with the whites and desired peace at almost any terms that the whites might dictate.”

On the other side of the picture were Col. John Milton Chivington and his relentless desire to erase the small group of Indians who were the least possible threat. In 1864, he, along with his right hand man John Evans, raised the Third Colorado Regiment, asked for arms from Washington and help from the Colorado Governor. He was told the seven Peace Chiefs who had held the Smokey Hill Council, declaring their choice for peace, would travel to Denver to accept such a peace agreement as was offered. This was not in Col. Chivington’s plans.

Evans, along with Col. Shoup, the Third’s commander, met with the delegation at Camp Weld and told them that the war had begun and it was too late to make a treaty. They were told to bring their people to Ft. Lyon to surrender. This they did. There they surrendered their arms even bows and arrows, but were told to stay out on the land as prisoners and that they would be given no annuities.

Black Kettle reported that 600 Cheyenne were camped at Sand Creek 40 miles northeast of Ft. Lyon, who were also ready to surrender. Black Kettle was told to keep them at Sand Creek and that, as prisoners of war, they would be under the protection of Ft. Lyon. Then in a change of policy, the Arapahos at Ft. Lyon were given back their weapons and told to go back to the buffalo country and hunt. Little Raven, suspecting a trick, took 600 Southern Arapahos 65 miles south along the Arkansas River to

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DIABETES

By Lyndsay Seawright, MA, RD/LD

C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate

St. Valentine’s Day, the holiday that most reminds us of chocolate, will be here before we know it! While trying to decide between a box of chocolates and a bouquet of flowers for your sweetie keep the following in mind ... chocolate can actually be good for you!

Cocoa, the primary ingredient in chocolate confections has been shown, in many studies, to reduce cell damage in the body. Flavinoids, a natural chemical found in cocoa, has a number of positive effects on the body such as antioxidants, flavinoids promote heart protection, improved vascular function and regulated blood pressure. Furthermore, chocolate contains small amounts of caffeine, which has been shown to have a protective effect over the heart.

Yes, it is true that milk chocolate contains a greater amount of fat and a lesser amount of flavinoids than dark chocolate. However, even milk chocolate, in moderation, fits into a healthy diet. By consuming appropriate amounts of chocolate, you

may very well be decreasing your chances of having a heart attack or a stroke.

Levels of serotonin, also known as the happiness hormone, are thought to rise in the body when chocolate is consumed. Many vitamins and minerals that promote health, including magnesium, zinc and copper are all present in chocolate. Calcium, which is great for bone health, a number of B vitamins and vitamins A, C and E are also present in chocolate treats.

In order to consume chocolate in a healthy way, moderation is key. While there may be health benefits, keep in mind the fat, sugar and calories, as well. When given the choice, choose dark chocolate with a cocoa content of 65 percent or higher (which will be listed on the package) and limit consumption to three ounces or less per day.

For any questions or concerns regarding nutrition, weight management or diabetes please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

School Clothing Receipts

Deadline Extension

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes School Clothing Program would like to announce the extension for the deadline for the 2010-2011 SCP receipts.

Parents/applicants must submit all original receipts to the SCP office by Feb.18, 2011 (or post marked by Feb. 18, 2011).

Receipts for school clothing purchased before receiving SCP funds will be accepted, as long as the date is not before July 1, 2010. List the applicant’s name and enrollment number on all receipts prior to submission.

The SCP would like to thank all the applicants who participated this year. If you have any questions please contact the Education Department-SCP.

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# Films by and about Native women, movement of Native peoples across America are among those to screen at 2011 Native American Film and Video Festival

By Kara Briggs, American Indian News Service



Courtesy of Sande Zeig - “Apache 8: The Movie,” about an all-Native woman wildland fire-fighting crew, will premiere at the Film & Video Festival in New York at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. It was directed by Sande Zeig.

New York-The 2011 Native American Film and Video Festival at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in New York will bring an indigenous hemisphere together from March 31-April 3, 2011 at a free festival that celebrates the diversity and expression of contemporary Native filmmaking.

“The festival brings you Native storytelling at its best—wrenching at times, touching, risky, ironic, hilarious and experimental,” said Elizabeth Weatherford, director of the museum’s Film and Video Center, which puts on this biennial event.

The festival attracts filmmakers from Native communities

across the Western Hemisphere, and offers them training workshops, panel discussions and networking opportunities. Weatherford is proud that many a professional connection has been made at this festival, generating new works.

“This festival will have the largest representation of Native women filmmakers, and many films of the last two years address the stories of Native peoples immigrating and immigration,” Weatherford said.

A movie that will make its premiere at the festival is *Apache 8* by Sande Zeig, about an all-woman Apache wildland fire-fighting crew that has worked together for 22 years. Zeig said that all the firefighters would attend the festival, which she said was the best venue for the movie’s world premiere.

“The Native American Film and Video Festival is the preeminent Native American film festival in the United States. I have been a supporter and fan since the early 1980s,” Zeig said. “We are honored to have been chosen.”

The festival predates even the National Museum of the American Indian by ten years, having started at its predecessor, the Museum of the American Indian in New York. When it started in 1979, only ten percent of the films were by Native filmmakers, but 32 years later, 95 percent are Native-made and the diversity among Native filmmakers is great.

Four groups of tribal youth filmmakers plan to attend the festival, including Camille Manybeads Tso, 15, a Navajo who wrote and directed a 20-minute short as a 13-year-old eighth-grader, *In the Footsteps of Yellow Woman*, which is all in her tribal language. The center became aware of Tso after she wrote a letter explaining the needs of her school near Flagstaff, Ariz.

One of the distinctions of the Film and Video Festival is that a four-person panel, drawn from the ranks of indigenous filmmak-

ers, selects the films that will be screened from those submitted. As a result of this process, the films chosen represent a wide range of Native film making. The festival isn’t driven by awards and it doesn’t give any.

Instead, it is driven by what Weatherford calls the “creative energy” of indigenous directors, producers and creators. People involved in the films that will be screened come from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Suriname and the United States. Many of the films are short documentaries of the kind that often air on PBS, while the feature-length films that will travel a circuit of festivals and art-house theaters after their premiere.

Some of the celebrated films scheduled for this festival include, *La Pequeña Semilla en el Asfalto* (*The Little Seed in the Asphalt*) by director Pedro Daniel López, Tzotzil. It features four Native people from the Mexican state of Chiapas who have moved to the city of San Cristóbal de las Casas to attend school, and their reactions to the prejudice they face as indigenous youth.

Others include *Kissed by Lightning*, the debut film by Shelley Niro, who is Mohawk, and co-produced by Annie Frazier Henry, who is Blackfoot and Sioux. The 2009 film is inspired by an ancient Iroquois story about an artist who in grief immerses herself in her painting only to realize that she has to let go and move on. The film is set in the contemporary on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario. *Reel Injun: On the Trail of the Hollywood Indian* by Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond documents the portrayal of North American Natives in a century of cinema. Another, the horror film, *File under Miscellaneous* by Jeff Barnaby, who is Mi’gMaq, is about a Mi’gMaq man who wants to be white.

For more information about the 2011 Film and Video Festival visit [www.nativenetworks.com](http://www.nativenetworks.com).

## ACT test dates

An ACT test score is required for college or university admission. Most students take it in high school. The next national ACT test date the education department can assist with is the April 9, 2011 test.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal students may request payment from the Gaming-Higher Education Program by sending the following documents to our office by the listed dates:

1. A CDIB (not a copy of your tribal i.d. card), you may contact our tribal enrollment office at (405) 422-7600 and ask them to send us the one-page CDIB.
2. Your completed ACT application with signature and date, in the original ACT envelope, with the front and back of envelope completed, and not sealed. Mail your packet to Wanda Whiteman, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022, or bring to Education offices at 1621 D. EastHwy. 66 in the southwest corner of the Canadian Square Shopping Mall in El Reno, Okla.
3. Include a completed gaming application (the form can be copied from [www.c-a-tribes.org/education](http://www.c-a-tribes.org/education).)

Students may contact their high school counselors to see if they are eligible for a fee waiver. Johnson-O’Malley may be able to

**TEST DATE-April 9, 2011**  
**Registration-March 4, 2011**  
**Mail Packet by Feb. 18, 2011**

**TEST DATE-June 11, 2011**  
**Registration-May 6, 2011**  
**Mail Packet by April 22, 2011**

pay for one test. Out Gaming Higher Education Program can pay for one test per year. We do not pay late registration fees.

The registration date is the day the check is to be inserted into the application packet and put in the mail. We need your entire packet mailed to us and allow us approximately two to three weeks before then to request a check and have it ready to mail by the registration date. We do not have resources to pay online ACT registration fees.

Juniors and seniors can take the test three or four times before graduation and as many times as they want, until they feel comfortable with their score. That’s why it is important to apply through other sources for payment since we can pay for only one test per year through our Gaming Higher Education Program.

ACT tests are given on Saturdays. You must be on time and have a picture ID with you. Boarding school students are asked to remain at school that Saturday as the school will take them to the test site. Get a good nights rest the night before and eat a good breakfast. Free practice tests are available on the ACT Website. Contact Wanda Whiteman at [wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org) for more information.

## Recruiting Native American students for classroom training program

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program is recruiting Native Americans who attend technology centers or Vo-tech centers for it’s CRT program.

The participant must be enrolled full-time in a certificate-granting program offered by the school, eligible to receive a Pell grant, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D., and must reside within the service area.

A basic allowance stipend is provided for attendance at the school based on the number of hours attended during each week. An hourly amount is paid for each hour of verified classroom attendance

(hourly amounts are subject to change during the academic year, accordingly). Each participant must attend 90 percent of the school year to continue to receive services. Applications are available in the WIA office located at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Complex, in Concho, Okla.

The applicant must provide two standard forms of identification. One form of identification must be a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB). The other can be a social security card, birth certificate, valid driver’s license, etc. Current proof of residency must be provided, such as a current utility bill, which reflects the physical address.

Authorization to Release Information (ARI) must be signed by all household occupants over the age of 18. Provide income verification from all household members over the age of 18 is helpful and will accelerate the application process.

Also provide verification of high school diploma/G.E.D., letter of acceptance (from technology center), Pell grant and other financial grants or education loans.

The WIA program staff would like to welcome anyone interested in services to visit the office or call for information, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (800) 247-4612 extension 27664 or ext. 27664.

## Okla tribal court rules against Cherokee amendment

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)-A Cherokee Nation court on Friday overturned an amendment to the tribal constitution that denied citizenship to non-Native American descendants of tribal members’ former black slaves.

Tribal District Court Judge John Cripps ruled that a 145-year-old treaty between the tribe and the U.S. government provided that “freedmen” and their descendants were to be citizens of the Cherokee Nation, so the amendment passed in March 2007 was “void as a matter of law.”

Native American tribes are allowed to determine membership based on blood or lineage, “unless it is restrained from such determination by limitation of treaty or statute,” Cripps wrote in the four-page ruling. “Such is the case in this instance.”

Diane Hammons, the tribe’s attorney general, said the tribe respectfully disagreed with the decision. The tribe is based in Tahlequah, in northeastern Oklahoma.

“We believe that the Cherokee people can change our Constitution, and that the Cherokee citizenry clearly and lawfully enunciated their intentions to do so in the

2007 amendment,” Hammons said. “We are considering all options, including our right to appeal to the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court.”

Tribal spokesman Mike Miller said Principal Chief Chad Smith wouldn’t have any comment.

Marilyn Vann, president of the Descendants of Freedmen Association, said the group was happy with Cripps’ decision. The organization represents descendants of former slaves of the Cherokee Nation and other tribes.

“We feel saddened that so many resources and so much effort has been used to dis-enroll the freedmen people, but we are grateful that there are some officials of the tribe that are willing to study the law and fairly interpret it, and are willing to advise tribal leaders to abide by it,” Vann said during a telephone call Friday.

Some Cherokees and members of other tribes in the southeastern U.S. were slaveholders, and they allied with the Confederacy during the Civil War in the 1860s. After the war ended and slavery was abolished, the Cherokee Nation and the federal

By Rochelle Hines, Associated Press

government signed the Treaty of 1866, which said the freedmen and their descendants “shall have all the rights of native Cherokees,” the ruling noted.

The issue has been debated and litigated over the years, and two lawsuits are pending in federal court in Washington.

Friday’s decision came in the case of Raymond Nash, a non-Native American descendant, and more than 200 others who received notices after the amendment passed that their citizenship was being terminated. There were so many who challenged the election outcome that the court appointed a lawyer to represent them and treated all appeals as a class action, said attorney Ralph Keen, who represented the group.

The federal court cases are separate, said Keen, who called the decision a victory for his clients and for treaty rights.

“I believe the ruling strengthens tribal sovereignty because it shows that tribal courts can take on difficult, divisive issues and maintain a strict adherence to the rule of law, regardless of popularity and political influence,” Keen said.

*A Day of Cultural Learning is brought to you by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Culture & Heritage Program and the Office of Planning & Development to help sustain and encourage the Tribes' Culture, Language and Traditions*

## Indian Art Market

Inviting all Indian Artist  
To Come and Sell/Share Your Art Work  
**Friday, February 4, 2011**  
**10am –6pm**  
& the 1st Friday of every Month thereafter  
Concho Community Building

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| • Quilling      | • Beadwork      | • Tribal/Family History Display |
| • Parfleche     | • Drum Making   | • Cradleboard Making            |
| • Ribbon Work   | • Feather Work  | • Flute Making                  |
| • Basketry      | • Shawl Making  | • Tipi Making                   |
| • Hide Tanning  | • Story Telling |                                 |
| • Traditional   | • Paintings     |                                 |
| • Song Composer | • Photography   |                                 |
| • Quillwork     | • Carving       |                                 |
| • Gourd Making  | • Pottery       |                                 |

Special Invitation:  
Cheyenne & Arapaho Language Program  
Cheyenne & Arapaho Cultural & Heritage  
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal College  
WIC-Family Preservation

Vendors:  
Booth Fee: Waived if you can provide an educational demonstration on your art work, otherwise there is a fee of \$25.00

Food Booths:  
Booth made available to Tribal Programs who are willing to provide a Traditional Food Menu  
Program is responsible for clean up

Contact: Office of Planning & Development/Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Lynnette Gray @ 422-7620 \*  
Culture & Heritage Program, Greg Spottedbird @ 422-7522 \*

## Minnie Julia Blindwoman Memorial Dance

MC- Eddie Wilson  
HD-Jim Anquoe  
HMD-Melvin Miles  
HLD-Sharon Cozad-Pena  
HLBD-Tully Birdshead  
HLGD-Jennifer Morton-Hatten  
AD-Steward Candy  
Host-Ponca Senior Citizens  
Honorary Elder- Nellie Hawk  
Honorary Veteran- Gerald Panana

**Feb. 5, 2011**  
**Kingfisher Women’s Exhibit Building**  
**Ceremonial Paint - 12 noon**  
**Lunch and Gourd Dance to follow**  
**Supper at 6 p.m.**

## George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center

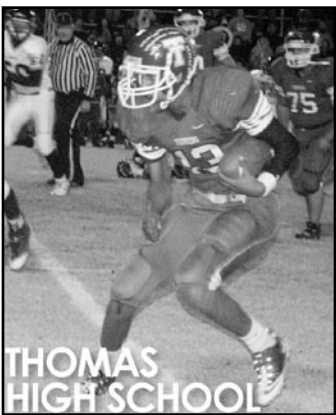
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The Substance Abuse Program can be contacted at (580) 331-2370 or by dialing toll free (800) 247-4612 extension 32370.

For information by e-mail, contact Nicolas Barton at [nbarton@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:nbarton@c-a-tribes.org) or Director Harold Spradling at [hspradling@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:hspradling@c-a-tribes.org).



# Sports Spotlights



Courtesy photo  
A.J. Reyes

Congratulations to A.J Reyes, our Vype High School Sports Magazine Native American Athlete of the Month.

A.J. is a member of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Okla. He is a senior at Thomas High school where is active in many sports.

*What is your favorite sport and why is it your favorite?*

Football is my favorite because I like the closeness of our team and how hard we worked this year to win our games.

*Who are your role models in life and in sports? Why do you look up to them?*

My dad is my role model in life and sports because he has always coached me to be a better player in football, basketball, baseball and track. He taught me how to be a humble person. I

will always appreciate my dad for all the extra time with him on the football field, basketball court, baseball field and in track. He has made me a better athlete and person. Thank you dad.

*What is your favorite memory from a game or tournament?*  
Best football memory is coming back to win the second half against Wynnewood and advancing to semi-finals state game.

*What has sports and participating in team sports taught you about yourself and life?*

Sports have taught me to be a stronger person physically and mentally; there is always room for improvement. Work hard and be dedicated; these are tactics to becoming successful in life.

*What are your future goals for college and beyond?*

I want to attend college, but I am still undecided on a major.

*What would be your ESPN highlight?*

When Thomas Terriers were predicted to lose every game and we proved this wrong by winning.

Personal interests: Favorite channel: ESPN, Favorite movie: Outsiders, Sports hero: Sam Bradford, Sports Team: OU Sooners, Super hero: Batman, Favorite food: Pizza.



Courtesy photo  
Fallon Henderson

Congratulations to Fallon Henderson, our Vype High School Magazine Native American Athlete of the month.

Fallon is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Okla. She is a student at Northeast Academy in Oklahoma City and is active in cheer, track and softball. She also participated with OKC Sprinters in the Junior Olympic Track and Field last summer.

*What is your favorite sport and why is it your favorite?*

Track is my favorite. I like it because it's competitive and I'm good at it. Also, I get to travel and meet new people.

*Who are your role models in life and in sports? Why do you look up to them?*

My role model in my life is my late grandfather, LeMon Henderson. He was a successful businessman and a hard worker. My role model in sports is my classmates. They inspire me to do better and encourage me to try new sports.

*What is your favorite memory from a game or tournament?*

One of my favorite memories is a track meet at Holland Hall my freshman year in high school. It was my first time running 4x4 in high school and I performed well. Northeast won the meet.

*What has sports and participating in team sports taught you about yourself and about life?*

My participation in team sports has given me self-confidence. Also I know the importance of teamwork. Win or fail, it all depends on whether we work together.

*What are your future goals for college and beyond?*

I want to attend the University of Oklahoma (hopefully on a scholarship in one of my sports) and major in Pharmacology.

Personal Interests: Favorite channel: VH1, Favorite movie: Spongebob, the movie, Sports hero: Betty Lennox (Guard, The Los Angeles Sparkles), Sports team: OU Sooners, Super hero: Mario (Super Mario Bros), Favorite food: Pasta

*Parent Response*

Fallon is very driven. If she sets her mind to do something, she'll find a way to get it done. For example, when she was in kindergarten she always wanted to go to Disney World and she found a way to get it done. She entered a coloring contest and won the family an all expense paid trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. Fallon is athletic like her dad.



Courtesy photo  
Tahnee Robinson

Tahnee Robinson, Northern Cheyenne tribal member-University of Nevada 2009-10 (Junior)-After sitting out a portion of the season transferring from Sheridan College, her first performance was a 10-point game at BYU on Jan. 2, 2011.

Named the WAC Newcomer of the Year and first-team All-WAC. Led the team in scoring with 16.1 points per game playing in just 24 games on the season.

Third-best scorer and three-point shooter in the WAC with 17.8 points and .436 three-point percentage in WAC games, tied with Johnna Ward to lead the team with 52 three-pointers made.

Named team MVP. Recorded 21 double-digit scoring games with eight 20-point scoring performances. Finished the WAC Tournament a perfect 10-10 from the free throw line.

Picked up her first double-double scoring a career high 27 points and grabbing 10 rebounds against Idaho on March 6. Paired up with Johnna Ward to account for 104 of Nevada's 127 total three-pointers made. Her 27 points against Idaho was the most scored in a game by a Wolf Pack player for the season.

Tied for ninth in the Nevada record books with her 52 three-

pointers made last year. Scored in double-digit figures in 21 of the 24 games she played, including 14-straight from Dec. 30, 2009-Feb. 15, 2010. The streak ties for the second longest double-digit scoring run in program history since Nevada joined the WAC in 2000.

At Sheridan College she led the nation in scoring with 29.8 points per game in 2008-09 as a sophomore at Sheridan College in Wyoming. A first-team NJCAA All-American, she led Sheridan to the Region IX championship with a stretch of games where she scored 32, 49, 29 and 20 points. Was also the Wyoming Conference Player of the Year and averaged 17.8 ppg as a freshman.

Robinson is originally from Fort Washakie, Wyo., on the Wind River Reservation. She was a four-time all-conference and all-state selection and a two-time Fremont County Player of the Year at Lander Valley High School.

As a senior, she was named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Wyoming and won the Milward L. Simpson Award, which is given to the top female athlete in the state. A McDonald's and Gatorade All-American, she led her team to a 25-5 record and the 3A state championship as a senior.

As a junior, she turned in 28.2 points, 6.2 rebounds and 6.8 assists per game while leading her team to conference and regional championships and a third-place finish at the state tournament ... She was also an all-conference and all-state selection in volleyball.

Robinson is majoring in general studies. She has two siblings, Buell, age 11 and Tim, age 26. She is the daughter of Tim and Sara Robinson and was born in February of 1988.



# Events CALENDAR

## Indian Art Market

Starting 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2011 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. Artists are invited to bring artwork for sell or to share. For more information call (405) 422-7620 or (405) 422-7522.

## The second annual Oklahoma Mission of Mercy's Free Dental Clinic

Feb. 4-5, 2011 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Free cleanings, fillings, extractions and more. No appointments, first come first serve. For more information call (405) 607-4725 or visit [www.OkMOM.org](http://www.OkMOM.org).

## Honor Dance for Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell

Feb. 5, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Adult contests, Women's Fancy Shawl/Jingle, Women's Cloth/Buckskin, Men's Straight/Traditional, Men's Grass/Fancy. First place \$200, second place \$100, third place \$75. For more information call (405) 422-7415.

## Minnie Julia Blindwoman Memorial

Feb. 5, 2011 at the Kingfisher Women/Exhibit Building in Kingfisher, Okla. Ceremonial paint at noon followed with lunch and Gourd dance. Supper at 6 p.m.

## The seventh annual Ardmore High School Native American Club powwow

Feb. 5, 2011. Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. Grand Entry at 6 p.m. Contests in boys, girls men and women categories. For more information contact Deana Craighead at (580) 226-7680 or by email, [dcraighead@ardmore.k12.ok.us](mailto:dcraighead@ardmore.k12.ok.us).

## Birthday Dance for Levi Pedro, 7, Tracy Hornsby, Jr., 4, and Hubert Youngbird, 4

Dinner at 1 p.m., Sunday Feb. 6, 2011 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose Building in Watonga, Okla. All Gourd dance to follow. Invitation to all friends and relatives to celebrate with all the boys brought into dance arena by their uncles.

## STYX Concert

Feb. 11, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino's Event Center in Concho, Okla. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.ticketstorm.com](http://www.ticketstorm.com). VIP tickets \$75. and general admission \$35.

## Welcome Home Victory powwow for Elijah J. Nells

Feb. 12, 2011 at the Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla. Gourd dance 2 p.m., Supper 6 p.m., Grand Entry 7:30 p.m. Vendors welcome, special contests Jingle Dance, Men Veterans combined, Hand Drum. For more information contact James Nells at (918) 841-1092.

## Native American Pre-Law Day

Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, 300 Timberdell Road in Norman, Okla. There is no cost to attend event but space is limited and registration is required.

For more information, to register and for accommodations based on disability, go to <http://jay.law.ou.edu/prospective/NAPLD/> or contact Brittany Mayes at [bmayes@ou.edu](mailto:bmayes@ou.edu) or call (405) 325-8521.

## Oklahoma Indian Nations Benefit Dance

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011 at Darlington School in El Reno, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. Gourd dance to follow. For more information contact Dara Franklin at (405) 361-8945 or Christine Morton at (405) 476-1134.

## Clint Black with special guest John Anderson

Feb. 19, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino's Event Center in Concho, Okla. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.ticketstorm.com](http://www.ticketstorm.com). VIP tickets \$90, general admission \$37.50.

## Lance Allrunner Memorial powwow

March 5, 2011 at the Comanche Nation Complex in Lawton, Okla. For more information call (405) 247-5805 or email [cwild-3cat@yahoo.com](mailto:cwild-3cat@yahoo.com).

## The 37th annual Denver March powwow

March 18-20, 2011 at the Denver Coliseum, 4600 Humboldt, Denver, Colo. For more information visit [www.denvermarchpowwow.com](http://www.denvermarchpowwow.com).

## The fifth annual Oklahoma City University Spring powwow Contest

Sat. April 9, 2011 at the campus of Oklahoma City University. For more information email Lindsey Factor, [lfactor.stu@my.okcu.edu](mailto:lfactor.stu@my.okcu.edu) or Chris Roman Nose, [cromannose@okcu.edu](mailto:cromannose@okcu.edu).

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Special Guest:  
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Free Admission  
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\*Special awards will be presented at the competition for the following:  
Oklahoma Native American Man and Woman of the Year  
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**Reception Sponsored By: Oklahoma City Indian Clinic [www.okcic.com](http://www.okcic.com)**

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*The Domestic Violence program services Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Washita, Beckham and Roger Mills counties.*

## Women Are Sacred

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Domestic Violence Program provides **Counseling** for Native American women, including the elderly, who have been involved in domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

**Advocacy** in obtaining victim's protective orders and referrals to agencies that may be of assistance to them.

**Support** for clients and their families while in crisis.

*For more information or help call (405) 422-7692-office or toll free (800) 247-0345 ext. 27692*

*This project is supported by Grant No. 2209-TW-AX-0039 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice*



# Dear Editor

I just received the *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* dated Jan. 15th of this year.

I teach 5th grade at Whitehall Elementary School. I use to read the Tribune at often as I could, but got really tired of all the legal items listed about national news, I quit reading it for almost a year.

While at home from work with an illness, I decided to browse the Tribune one more time to see if it would interest me. The picture of the beautiful tribal elder smiling so wonderfully piqued my interest.

I read several articles about the people from our tribe and was very impressed with the content of the solar energy article to the young man who is overcoming the alcohol and

abuse that he was exposed to at an early age to the beautiful elder who only told stories that radiated positive.

I would like to commend you and your staff on well put together articles. It isn't enough to just republish a national article. I, as a member of this tribe, see and hear enough of the negative. I love hearing stories of rising above issues of poverty, alcohol and abuse to see the focus on those who are stepping out of those ways that were taught to us and see and hear the success of our people.

I will continue to look forward to the Tribune and read only the positive focused articles that your staff so wonderfully put together.

Mrs. Robyn Smith  
Whitehall, Montana

Notice to all Disabled Individuals

To all person with disabilities living in the following counties: Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Kingfisher, Major, Roger Mills, Washita, Woodward and Ellis county. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Vocational Rehabilitation program will be open for review for their program policies.

The policy review will take place 1-3 p.m. Feb. 24, 2011 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Technology and Innovation (CATI) building located at 1621 B East, Hwy. 66, El Reno, Okla., on the west side of the Canadian Square Shopping Center. If you have questions please call (888) 284-7725 or (405) 422-7617.

# Invitation to seniors

NORMAN – Native American high school seniors and college students interested in attending law school are invited to Native American Pre-Law Day from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, located at 300 Timberdell Road in Norman.

Native American law school students and attorneys will share their experiences from law school and their legal careers. Admissions and financial aid are also among event topics.

Made possible by a grant from the Law School Admission Council, Native American Pre-Law Day is co-sponsored by the OU College of Law, the University of Tulsa College of Law, Oklahoma City University School of Law and the Council on Legal Education Opportunity.

There is no cost to attend the event, but space is limited and registration is required. For more information, to register and for accommodations based on disability, go to <http://jay.law.ou.edu/prospective/NAPLD/or> contact Brittany Mayes at [bmayes@ou.edu](mailto:bmayes@ou.edu) or (405) 325-8521.

SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETINGS

All meetings will serve supper at 6 p.m.

Kingfisher Community Meeting

Location Snider's Catering

Date Feb, 2, 2011

Time 7 p.m.

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Oklahoma City Community Meeting

Location Penn Avenue Church of Nazarene

Date Feb. 3, 2011

Time 7 p.m.

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Concho Community Meeting

Location Community Hall

Date Feb. 7, 2011

Time 7 p.m.

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Geary Community Meeting

Location Community Hall

Date Feb. 8, 2011

Time 7 p.m.

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Oklahoma's Promise

WHO MAY APPLY

Applicants must be:

- Oklahoma residents
- 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade students (homeschool students must apply while age 13, 14, or 15)
- Students whose parents earn \$50,000 or less per year
- Students who promise to meet the requirements of the program.

THE PROMISE

Upon completion of the program's requirements, you will earn:

- Free tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university
- Or a portion of tuition at an accredited OK private college or university
- Or a portion of tuition for courses taken at public technology centers.

Cheyenne and Arapaho students accepted into the program will receive a \$75.00 incentive award and will be eligible for incentive awards each semester based on their GPA.

Deadline for enrolling is June 30, 2011. Contact Marshall Medicine Bear for assistance with enrolling or questions regarding the program 405/422/7651.

ELDERS DAY OUT

FEBRUARY 23, 2011

10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

CONCHO COMMUNITY BUILDING

For Information or to Register, please call 1.800.247.4612 Ext. 27570

Valentine's Sock Hop!

Woodward - Walmart 7:00 a.m.

Seiling - Shell Gas Station 7:30 a.m.

Canton - Shell Gas Station 8:15 a.m.

Watonga - Karl's Apple Market 8:45 a.m.

Geary - North Store Gas Station 9:15 a.m.

Hammon - Cowboy Junction 7:00 a.m.

Elk City - Love's 7:15 a.m.

Clinton - Homeland 8:00 a.m.

Thomas - Terrier Express 8:00 a.m.

Weatherford - Old Homeland 8:30 a.m.

Kingfisher - Walmart 9:30 a.m.

Oklahoma City - Walmart on MacArther 9:00 a.m.

Brunswick Stew

Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cups chicken broth, low sodium
- 2 cups cooked, diced and boned chicken or turkey
- 2 cups tomatoes, canned or cooked
- 2 cups lima beans, canned or cooked

2 cups whole kernel corn

Heat oil in a large pan.

Add onion and cook in oil until tender.

All remaining ingredients.

Bring to a simmer for 30 minutes at medium-low heat.

Nutrition information: each serving provides 200 calories; 5g Total fat; Saturated fat 1g; Cholesterol 22g; Fiber 5g; Protein 16g

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# BRIEFS

The National American Indian Housing Council 2011 Legislative Conference

Feb. 15-17, 2011 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register visit [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

Tribal Court Procedures

Feb. 15-16, 2011 at the Ft. McDowell Resort and Casino in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register call (480) 789-5300 or visit [www.dciamerica.com](http://www.dciamerica.com).

The 2011 Oklahoma Transportation Winter Conference

Feb. 22-24, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Oklahoma City. Featuring the 11th annual OTA Excellence Awards banquet. For more information visit [www.oktransit.org](http://www.oktransit.org).

Multimedia Boot Camp for Basic Indian Law

Feb. 17-18, 2011 at the Ft. McDowell Resort and Casino in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register call (480) 789-5300 or visit [www.dciamerica.com](http://www.dciamerica.com).

Educators

Feb. 23-27, 2011 at the Diversity Institute. Multimedia training for journalists but open to anyone with an interest in multimedia storytelling. Registrations accepted until Feb. 7, 2011. For more information [www.surveymonkey.com/REGISTER4bootcamp](http://www.surveymonkey.com/REGISTER4bootcamp).

The 12th annual National Fatherhood and Families Conference

March 1-4, 2011 at the Embassy Suites in San Francisco, Calif. For more information or to register visit [www.eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov).

The fifth annual Reservation Economic Summit and American Indian Business Trade Fair

March 14-17, 2011 at the Hilton in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit [www.ncaied.org](http://www.ncaied.org).

Human Resource Development and Telework Policies Procedures and Performance Management

March 15-16, 2011 in San Diego, Calif. For more information or hotel reservations call (800) 888-1027.

Native American Finance Officers Association Conference-Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty through Sound Financial Management

March 22-23, 2011 at the Pala Resort Spa and Casino in Pala, Calif. For more information or to register visit [www.nafoa.org](http://www.nafoa.org).

Native American Law Conference-Reconnecting Economies: Indigenous Networks and Commerce

March 25, 2011 at the University of Idaho, School of Law, in Moscow, Idaho. For more information visit [www.uidaho.edu](http://www.uidaho.edu).

Native American Language Preservation Summit

March 28-30, 2011 in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).

Indian Country's Indirect Cost Summit

March 30-31, 2011 in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit [www.falmouthinstitute.com](http://www.falmouthinstitute.com).



## Head Start program receives grant

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program received notice on Sept. 21, 2010 they had been awarded the ARRA Early Learning Mentor Coaches grant from U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe.

There were 180 applications. Out of 180 applications, 131 of those received funding.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head Start Program was one out of only three that were funded in the state of Oklahoma.

The ARRA Early Learning Mentor Coaches granted \$281,957. and enabled the head start program to create four mentor coaching positions.

Mentoring is a highly valued means of improving the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Head

Start Program. Studies show that a richer learning environment is created when mentors build on the students’ daily actual classroom practices as opposed to one-time workshops. Under this proposal a mentor who will emphasize research-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum and educational practices will guide teachers. The program will focus on creating more competent, confident, and reflective teachers. As well, this mentor program dovetails into the required performance standards that support the career ladders ethos.

Teachers will enhance their skills of individualizing the Head Start program in an effort to meet the needs of the children and their families.

## College prep workshops to be provided by higher education

BIA-Higher Education Coordinator will be meeting with Cheyenne and Arapaho juniors and seniors to provide college preparation workshops. Information will be provided on the importance of taking an ACT test and that the test can be paid for by the education department, after required documents have been received.

Seniors will be provided a BIA-HIE scholarship application and a checklist will be given listing all documents required for a complete application. The deadline for applying for a BIA-Higher Education scholarship for academic year 2011-2012 is June 1, 2011. Information on FAFSA/PELL applications and deadlines will be provided. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the workshops with their students, as they are required to provide income information

for their child’s FAFSA and PELL applications. Parents are very needed in the planning of their child’s education.

A timeline will be given to seniors for applying for ACT, FAFSA, college, and BIA-HIE scholarships. Information will be provided on websites to search for grants and scholarships. Students will be provided information about \$100 graduation assistance available to Cheyenne and Arapaho seniors. Other pertinent information, applications and handouts will be provided.

The following meetings have been confirmed at 10 a.m., Feb. 8, 2011 at El Reno High School in El Reno, Okla. At 10 a.m., Feb. 9, 2011 at the Kingfisher High School in Kingfisher, Okla. and at 10 a.m., Feb. 10, 2011 at the U.S. Grant High School in Oklahoma City.

## High school senior assistance for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal students

Eligible Cheyenne and Arapaho seniors who will graduate in May 2011 may be eligible to receive \$100 graduation assistance applied toward senior expenses, after we have received the following documents:

1. A letter from the school registrar or counselor stating the senior has enough credit hours and will be eligible to graduate with the Class of 2011 in May 2011.
2. A CDIB (certificate of degree of Indian Blood) from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma’s Enrollment Office, not a copy of your tribal ID card (if you do not have a copy of your CDIB you may call our enrollment office at (405) 422-7600 to request one. There is no charge for a CDIB.
3. A copy of the order form or invoice with a balance due, and be sure the company or

vendor address is clear and listed. The payment will be mailed directly to the vendor or company. We will pay up to \$100.

4. A completed Education Gaming application. The gaming application can also be copied from our Website, [www.c-a-tribes.org/education](http://www.c-a-tribes.org/education). The form should appear in a box area.

You may fax the items to (405) 422-8211 and be sure to mail the originals to P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 ATTENTION: Wanda Whiteman. If you cannot mail the items, ask your counselor or advisor at your school to assist you in mailing the four items to our office. You may contact me at [wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org) or call (405) 422-7560.

Once we have received the four items, your name will also be placed on our list of graduates to be invited to our graduation banquet.

CULTURE AND HERITAGE  
RECEIPT REQUEST

To assist tribal members in their traditional and cultural endeavors the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Culture and Heritage Program offers contribution assistance to tribal members.

According to program and finance policy and procedures applicants are required to submit original receipts and provide support documentation for their 2010 contribution(s). Each approved applicant agrees to submit receipts upon signing for the contribution and is ultimately responsible for turning in receipts. It is important that all 2010 applicant receipts be turned into the Culture and Heritage Program **IMMEDIATELY**, if you have not done so already.

Under the direction of new program directors and administration, 2010 applicants were given a second chance despite 2009 non-compliance practices, but please be reminded the annual Cheyenne and Arapaho ceremonies are fast approaching and any 2010 applicant(s) who have not submitted receipts for their 2010 contributions will be denied for the 2011 ceremony contributions.

In addition, failure to comply could result in the **DENIAL** of **ALL** future assistance from the Culture and Heritage Program. Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please contact program offices at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27433.



Benefit Dance for  
Geary High School’s  
Indian Club  
Saturday, March 5, 2011  
Geary Indian Community Hall  
Gourd Dance 2 p.m.  
Supper 5 p.m.  
*MC-Burl Buffalomeat  
Head Singer-Evan Ortiz  
Head Man Dancer-Rory Little Raven  
Head Lady Dancer-Carrie “KK” Franklin*

All Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Members are Invited

For more information please contact President of the Indian  
Club Asa LittleBird at 580-791-0478 or 405-884-2746

NOTICE TO  
ALL TRIBAL  
MEMBERS  
PER CAPITA  
CHECKS

Due to CHASE Bank closing the Per Capita checking account, it is necessary to suspend issuing checks from this account until alternative banking arrangements have been completed.

Therefore, no checks will be re-issued until after Feb. 1, 2011. Any outstanding checks must be returned for re-issue.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Respectfully,  
The Cheyenne and  
Arapaho Tribes  
Dept. of Treasury

## Washita Battlefield National Historic Site Presents Stories from the Elders

For the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, winter was the time for story-telling in their winter campgrounds along the banks of the Washita River. In honor of this tradition, Park Rangers have chosen the first three Wednesdays in the month of the Snow Moon (February) as the time to read “Stories from the Elders” at the park’s visitor center.

Old man winter may be howling outside, but inside around the campfire from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. it will be a time for fun, warmth, hot chocolate and cookies! Come join us!

Schedule of story times are Feb. 2, 2011, grades pre-k through third-Listen to a story/Play the Plumb stone game and win a feather.

Feb. 9, 2011, grades fourth through sixth-Listen to a story/Make your own Warrior shield.

Feb. 16, 2011, junior high school-Listen to a story/Make a Winter count or Warrior mask.

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site protects and interprets the setting along the Washita River where Lt. Col. George A. Custer led the 7th U.S. Cavalry on a surprise dawn attack against the Southern Cheyenne village of Peace Chief Black Kettle on Nov. 27, 1868. The attack was an important event in the tragic clash of cultures of the Indian Wars era. The site is located in western Oklahoma near the town of Cheyenne, halfway between Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Amarillo, Texas.

The park’s new visitor center is located one mile west of Cheyenne on Highway 47A. For more information, call (580) 497-2742 or check [www.nps.gov/waba](http://www.nps.gov/waba).

Possible Name Change Proposal to the  
*Washita Battlefield National Historic Site*

A possible proposal to change the name of the *Washita Battlefield National Historic Site* was apart of the discussion in the annual Chiefs’ and Headmens’ March 2009 meeting in Clinton. Then in 2010, the Office of Planning & Development and the newly established Tribal Historic Preservation Office, along with the collaborative efforts of Culture and Heritage program, provided technical assistance in the planning and coordinating of public meetings.

To assist the Chiefs, Headmens and Tribal members in their pursuit, meetings were held in Watonga and Clinton. The following listings were possible names given by various people and the top two listings were the mostly agreed upon names.

We are kindly asking for a few minutes of your time in completing the following survey.

~Thank you~

For further information or concerns please contact the Office of Planning & Development. 405-422-7620

We need your involvement!

Suggested Names:

\*\*\* Cheyenne Massacre Memorial Site

\*\*\* Chief Black Kettle Band Memorial Site

Washita Memorial

Black Kettle Memorial

Massacre of the Washita of Black Kettle Group

Washita Massacre Memorial Site

Washita Memorial Site

Chief Black Kettle Village Memorial Park

Southern Cheyenne Memorial Park

Chief Black Kettle Massacre Park

Southern Cheyenne Massacre Memorial Park

\*\*\* Please select from the two given names  
Or Feel Free to Suggest One



Possible Name Change Proposal to the  
Washita Battlefield National Historic Site

Please Complete the Following Survey:  
Please Select a Choice or Write in Your Suggestion:

\_\_\_\_\_Cheyenne Massacre Memorial Site  
\_\_\_\_\_Chief Black Kettle Band Memorial Site

\_\_\_\_\_

**Your Suggestion**

Submit your replies my mail, email or in person to:  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Office of Planning  
P.O. Box 38-Red Moon Circle  
Concho, Okla. 73022  
(405) 422-7620  
Email: [lgray@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:lgray@c-a-tribes.org)

*\*Survey Boxes have been placed at the following Tribal offices: Watonga Food Distribution, Clinton Housing Authority building, Clinton Independent Living Center, Clinton Elderly Nutrition building, Concho Planning office, Concho Smoke Shop, Canton Lucky Star Casino, Seiling and Hammon Community centers.*





HONOR DANCE FOR  
Janice PrairieChief-Boswell

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011  
Concho Community Hall

Gourd Dance 3 p.m.  
Supper 5 p.m.  
Grand Entry 7 p.m.

MC-Winslow (Chubby) Sankey  
HS-Stewart Candy  
HMD-Michael Whitecloud  
Head War Dancer-Ernie Big Medicine  
HLD-Edwina Whiteman  
HLBD-Eric Patton  
HLGD-Eryn Roman Nose  
AD-Ha’Stylez

Adult Contest:  
Women’s Fancy Shawl/Jingle, Women’s Cloth/Buckskin  
Men’s Straight/Traditional, Men’s Grass/Fancy

1st-\$200 & 2nd-\$100 & 3rd \$75  
DRUM CONTEST - \$500

NO SPECIALS



# Happy Birthday

Happy 2nd Birthday  
Aiden Shane!  
Feb. 5

We Love You!  
mommy, daddy, Kayla,  
Bitty and auntie Shell!



Happy Belated 3rd  
Birthday Mama!!

From auntie Maria Reyes  
and grandma Marlene Reyes



Happy Birthday  
Dallas

From all your friends at  
Clinton Headstart



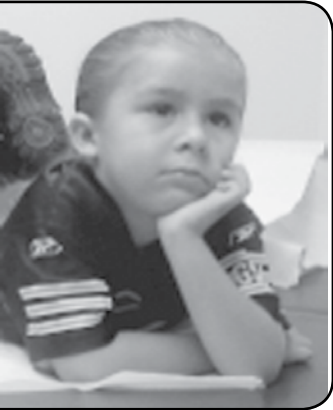
Happy 30th Birthday  
Feb. 15

to Sonya Whiteskunk  
I love you!  
Your sista, Shell!



Happy 5th Birthday  
“Little”  
Deforest E. Tallbear III  
Feb. 6

Love Blaine, Brandy,  
Baylee, Tori  
auntie Margaret  
and uncle TM



Happy New Year  
and Happy Birthday  
to the Black Brothers  
Nic and Gus



Happy Birthday  
Belicia

From all your friends at  
Clinton Head Start



Happy 6th Birthday  
Lindsay K. Roy

From mom, dad, and all your  
grandma’s and grandpa’s.  
Lots of love and many  
more to come for my  
beautiful January angel.  
Love you babygirl.



Happy Birthday grandpa  
“Bill Tallbear Sr.”  
Jan. 27

From your many admirers,  
we love you



Happy 4th Birthday  
Violet Rae Singing  
Water Black

Daughter of Preston  
and Lena Black





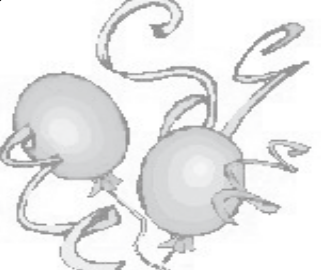
Happy New Year!!!!  
Sam, Brenda, Myrna,  
Marvina, Gus  
and the Black family.



Happy Birthday  
Christy

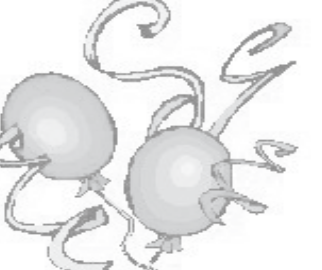
From all of as at  
Clinton Head Start





Happy New Year !!!  
to my nephews and niece  
Bubba, CR, Preston,  
Stormy and Sheila





Happy New Year!!!!  
to the Reno crew-Black family



Happy Birthday  
and Happy Valentine’s  
Day

To my sweetie  
Emerson Ellis Sr.  
may your birthday  
be as special as you are!  
I love you Just, Dawn





Have a blessed and  
Happy New Year  
to our girls.

Camilla, Kikihey Whirlwind,  
Cheyenne Sundance, Violet  
SingingWater Black.  
Much love girls  
The whole Black family



The  
Respective  
Families

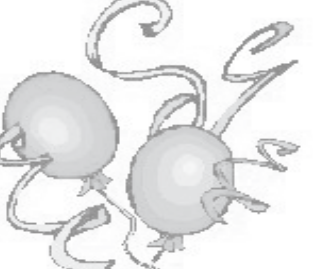
would like to wish

Ralph Leland Dru and  
William “Billy ‘D’ Tall Bear

Many Happy Birthday wishes on  
your special day! We are grateful  
and blessed to have you in  
our lives!  
With much love, your families

Happy Birthday  
Andy Jan. 23  
“Little” Feb. 6  
Macey Feb. 23

This comes with many  
special thoughts and  
warmest wishes, too.  
Because it means  
so much to have  
Nieces’ and a Nephew  
and cousins like you.  
Love  
Blaine, Brandy, Baylee,  
Torence,  
Margaret and TM

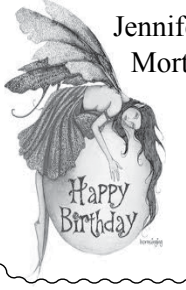


Happy New Year!!!!  
to the Darko crew –  
Black family



Happy 14th Birthday  
Jennifer “Poo”  
Morton-Hatten

Feb. 7



Happy 29th Birthday  
Feb. 8

To Sterling Paul  
Stonecalf  
We love you Ster!  
From, your dad, Wilma,  
Shelly and Family!

We would like to welcome Michael Levi Morton to the world.

Michael was born on Jan. 4, 2011 to Brandon Morton and Leslie Whiteman both of El Reno, Ok. He was 8 bs. 12 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Micki Black of El Reno, Okla. and Chester Whiteman of Geary, Okla.. His paternal grandparents are Gary Morton, Sr. of Concho, Okla. and Linda McKenzie of Okmulgee, Okla. Michael has many aunts

and uncles and cousins that were at the hospital to welcome him.



Parents are Summer Whiteskunk and Ramon Nieves from Clinton Okla. Baby’s name is Madielyn Thais Whiteskunk. Born at 12:29 p.m. on Jan. 8, 2011, 7lb 11oz 21 long born in Weatherford Regional Hospital, Weatherford, Okla. She was welcomed home by grandparents Orville and Jean Whiteskunk, aunts Shelly, Sonya, Shylia and Sylvia Whiteskunk and a gang of nieces and nephews!



Happy 3rd Birthday to our Ah Day Mah Taun  
Eryn Violet Ruth Roman Nose

You have brought such joy and happiness to us.  
We love you so much baby girl!  
mommy, daddy, Rachlle, Evan and Carter

Happy Anniversary  
Feb. 19

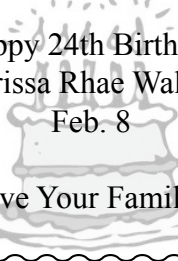
I Love You  
Thomas “TM” Fasthorse  
How do I begin to tell you how lucky I am  
to have you in my life?  
I’ll start by saying what an honor it is  
for me to be your wife.  
You’re my best friend in the good times  
and my rock in times of sorrow.  
You’re the reason for sweet yesterdays  
and my promise for tomorrow.  
I never thought I could feel this loved  
until I became your wife.  
You made this year and every year the best one of my life.  
We have been together for 11 years now.  
I just can’t say I love you enough.

I love you. Your wife Margaret

Happy Birthday  
On Feb. 2  
To Tonya Kim Powell  
Love your dad  
and family!

Happy 24th Birthday  
Larissa Rhae Walker  
Feb. 8

Love Your Family!!





# Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver’s license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: [whaag@c-a-tribes.org](mailto:whaag@c-a-tribes.org)

**Caseworker IIM  
Social Services  
Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Prefer bachelors degree in social work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field and supervisory experience. Work flexible hours and willing to work after normal business hours. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**George Hawkins  
Memorial  
Treatment Center**

10320 North Airport  
Road,  
Clinton, OK 73601

(580) 331-2370  
Toll Free (800)  
247-4612 ext. 32370.



**Kathryn Hoffman**, our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Aunt and Friend went home to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and Maheo on Jan. 11, 2011. On behalf of the family, we express our gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought, flowers, food and prayers.

If you attended the Celebration of Life, Funeral Service, your attendance helped the family endure our tremendous loss. If you were not able to attend, we know you kept us in your prayers and for that we are grateful.

Our Dearest Mother was 94 years old. On her last day, she held her arms up to Heaven and we know she is now home.

To our many Relatives and Friends, we know our loss, is your loss. We all were blessed in sharing a part of the most beautiful and “Virtuous Woman” we have ever known. May our Good Lord bless you and your families. The Hoffman, Snyder, Chapman and Kauahquo Families.

**Laborer  
Economic Development  
Closing Date: Continuous**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Ability to accept immediate employment. Ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. Ability and knowledge to operate light weight equipment. Must be physically fit to withstand various types of manual labor. Prefer knowledge of landscaping- planting flowers and shrubs. Must have stable work history, be dependable and conscientious. Must have knowledge in performing general repair duties. Must have painting experience. Must submit to a background check. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have current driver’s license.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Fence Crew/Laborer  
Economic Development  
Closing Date:Continuous**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Dependable, physically fit and able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. or more. Knowledgeable in operating farm equipment. Willing to work until daily tasks are completed. Must be able to work on an on-call basis. High school diploma or GED required and valid Oklahoma driver’s license.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Plumber’s Apprentice  
Economic Development  
Closing Date: Feb. 8, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Knowledge of the methods, materials, fixtures, tools and equipment used in plumbing work and knowledge of standard plumbing techniques and job safety measures. Able to maintain and perform minor repairs of various plumbing systems and fixtures and to follow written and oral instructions. Must have valid driver’s license. Ability to work with other trades. Any and all other duties assigned. High school diploma or GED certification required. Must be dependable and have excellent people skills.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Nutrition Aide  
Seasonal  
Closing Date:Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Knowledge of basic food preparation and sanitation. Ability to work independently with little or no supervision. Ability to communicate effectively with clients and community groups. Ability to write effectively and complete reports in a timely manner. Knowledge of basic computer software. Must be over 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalence. Must have a valid state driver’s license. Prefer degree in a related field or equivalence of combined health and nutrition experience. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Administrative Assistant  
Diabetes Wellness  
Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Must posses a high school diploma or general education degree (G.E.D). Experience in administrative/clerical work and working with family/community-based program(s) related to health promotion and education. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture a must. Must have reliable transportation. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver’s license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**LINE DANCING CLASSES**

Thursdays  
4- 5 p.m.

 **Native American Church**  
Concho, Okla.  
Feb. 3, 10, 17, & 24

For more information call Deborah Ellis at (405) 422-7674 or Margie Deer at (405) 422-7676.

Sponsored by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Health Education program.

*Thank you*

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**SALARY:** Negotiable

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Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
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Tribal Enrollment  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
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**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
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**SALARY:** Negotiable

**HVAC Journeyman  
Economic Development  
Closing Date: Feb. 21, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Must possess HVAC apprentice license. High school diploma or GED certification required. Must have valid driver’s license. Ability to read blueprints. Ability to design vent systems prior to installation. At least two years on the job experience or trade school certification. Ability to work with other trades, such as carpenters, plumbers and electricians. Must be dependable and have excellent people skills.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Staff Accountant  
Dept. of Treasury  
Closing Date: Feb.1, 2011**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
A bachelor’s degree in accounting with minimum of two years or professional accounting experience required. An equivalent of education and experience of tribal accounting of three or more years.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Hinóno’etítit Arapaho Language**

**“Word of the Day”**

**Square Koo Koyoo’**

**Pronounced: Gaw-gah-yaw**

## “Indun Edu-ma-cation”-Part One

I am a product of Tribal BIA boarding schools. I attended one in Riverside, Calif. called Sherman Institute for a semester before I got kicked out. I tell everyone I got kicked out because I was a mean, fighting California Indian girl loving hippy but, truthfully, I was really awkward when I was a teenager and I wasn’t good at hiding anything. No street skills. One of my Cheyenne grandpas teased me for going to Sherman and used to call me a California “hippy”. I prefer “Rastafari” just without the dreadlocks. Aye!

There was also this one pretty Cheyenne girl at Sherman that I couldn’t, even if my life depended on it, ask out on a date or however teenagers are supposed to hook up with that cute girl. Glad I didn’t. Found out years later the only girl out of the whole school I had a crush on was (of course) my long lost cousin (but twice removed, so its not that bad). I got kicked out, was also put into the friend zone by that cute Cheyenne girl and I went back to Oklahoma where I worked for a farmer up the road once in a while, enough to make gas money to go places. I took a semester off, where I did a whole lot of nothing. Actually, I went to dances, meetings, sweat lodges, and the Native American Church ceremonies, the works. In a way, I learned more from my time off then I ever did in high school. After that I went to Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla. where I stayed until I graduated.

Anyway, I went to school and I did pretty well. I tried for a day to go to school at Calumet High, but at the time I preferred to go to school with my own Native peoples, so I went to Riverside. I am not prejudiced, but, going to school with a bunch of non-Natives after going to school out on the west coast where Indians were flat cool (even though I wasn’t and still awkward like an ugly duckling) wasn’t my slice of American pie. I did pretty well at Riverside. Kept my grades up, participated in work-study, made some extra bucks on the side, enough to go to dances and Peyote meetings during the weekends. I was still awkward and shy and I still couldn’t get a date or even talk to a pretty girl but I was okay there. I would get black eyes from other mean kids in the dorms, nothing too bad, and I did have some good friends. I was well fed, and relatively happy. My grades were good enough to go to college a couple years later af-

ter I graduated. Before I did I got a job, a girlfriend, and worked enough to go to meetings, sweats and things worth finding out about in my books. At the time I thought going to ceremonies was more important than going back to school but at the end of the day my decision to go back to school was so I could find a direction in life and also so I could pay my bills and get to have time to go to ceremonies.

I was told that education is the road to success. That the more pieces of paper (diplomas) you have gives a person more money and opportunities and is the way to give back to the community. I bought it hook, line and sinker. So I went to undergraduate school for my bachelor’s degree at Ft. Lewis College because they honored the Treaty rights and gave free tuition to Indian students. It was a culture shock and I wanted to quit and go home but anything beats going to jail for warrants in Oklahoma because you don’t have money to pay for a traffic ticket. I adjusted, found out I had other culture shocked Oklahoma brothers there and I settled into the mountains. I went to sweats, meetings, and dances just like back home. I was lucky enough to meet a nice Indian lady who is still my constant companion and better half. Finally I graduated and I came back to work for my tribe.

I came back and the welcoming committee was never told so there was no red carpet. Not that I was expecting one bit I thought that people would be glad of my little accomplishment. I had risen up against all odds. Gone were the days of being a renegade, driving around with no license, registration and insurance with duct tape and baling wire keeping everything together on all those back roads. Gone were having to park my truck in the woods to avoid the repo man or working meaningless jobs to come home to sleep and do it all over again every day. Now maybe I could benefit my tribe and my tribal people.

But, not that I was expecting a great reception, but, all of a sudden, I wasn’t the same guy I was when I left. I was now regarded as an “educated” Indun. I know because I used to look and talk that way to “educated” Indians. You know, the ones who have a lot of book smarts but can’t tie their own shoes? They have all the answers but can’t tell you what experiences they have had or what real life really is. People looked at me funny or wouldn’t talk

to me as they did before I left for school. I am the same old guy but now I had a job, a small place in the Tribal administration and a budget to keep the lights on. I was supposed to be somebody that wasn’t worth talking to. Other fancy skins that didn’t talk to me before now had the time to visit me though nothing had really changed. I didn’t even change my style of clothes (ever, Aye!). Okay, I wore a dress shirt now and then but my boss made me. I felt like I was guilty for selling out or something. Maybe if I still drove illegally to work, I might feel better or something, so I would drive to work on the back roads.

My wife was wondering why I wanted to move back to Oklahoma. We had it made out west around the four corners area where other tribes had let us into their hearts and homes, but it wasn’t home. In fact, it would’ve been so much easier to stay out west where people acted halfway decent. Coming home just to experience nothing but jealousy and hard feelings was hardest on me. Finding a place to live was hard too. I couldn’t find anything around home so we ended up moving to the city away from the Cheyenne and Arapaho territory. I worked for years to move up the ladder, to get “edu-ma-cated” so I could come back, and now that I did I wasn’t a part of the community any more. It seemed almost better just to stay gone and perhaps many people who went off to work or attend school have gone through the same thing. I came home, but it was no longer home to me.

Trying to think about it though, this educational institution is a rough system on our people. Half of our people don’t graduate from high school due to discrimination in the public schools and the time spent away from families and the community just seems to erode more of our community every day. We learn how to read and write yet the majority of us cannot tell you a bit about our traditional values or ways. I guess what I am trying to ask is, is education worth it or does it cause more problems for Tribal unity than it is worth sometimes? Not to say that education isn’t good because it is. We still need to find a way to make it in the world. We Indian people need more doctors, lawyers, politicians, etc., but it is a sacrifice that takes our people away from our communities. When we do come back what is there for us?



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*Submitted by:  
Dr. Henrietta Mann, President Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College*

This article represents a brief excerpt from the Annual Report the President submitted to the Board of Regents for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College at their combined quarterly and annual meeting of Friday, Jan. 21, 2011.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC), the Tribes’ institution of higher education, must address many demands in it’s development. At times there are competing priorities, one of which is to generate a student body and the other is to have the finances for the operation of the college, which is dependent upon the Tribes.

CATC operates on two parallel tracts, one of which is the daily operation of the tribal college. The other is creating the necessary academic infrastructure for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and preparing/collecting the documentation required for membership in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AI-HEC). It is a monumental task to build a college, and it is even more remarkable that CATC is being developed by four individuals.

National trends indicate that maintaining quality education will become increasingly costly in the future, which will affect the future development of CATC. To date, the Tribes’ financial support of \$2,770,131. appropriated over the past four years is minimal compared to the estimated \$4 million a year that is required to operate a two-year institution of higher education nationwide.

The position of recruiter/faculty vacated by Gov. Janice Prairie Chief Boswell was left unfilled to recoup the salary. The amount is essentially equal to one month’s operating costs for the tribal college. Future staffing needs will be reviewed when CATC receives it’s 2011 budgetary appropriation.

Alden Whiteman and Gail Wilcox are sharing current recruitment efforts. CATC arranged a tour for students with the El Reno High School Academy and has participated in campus activities such as college exposition, majors fair, new student orientation and

the summer C&A basketball camps. The staff also made presentations to the Canton sixth-grade class and El Reno High School for Native American Heritage Celebration. The following represent a sampling of places a CATC booth has been set up:

Broken Arrow High School, Broken Arrow, University of Oklahoma Indian Youth Career Day, Norman, Native American Heritage Celebration, Rotunda, Oklahoma Capitol Building, Blackbear grandchildren birthday dance, Watonga, Oklahoma Indian Nations Pow Wow, Concho and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ annual Tribal Council meeting, Concho, Okla.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) plays a pivotal role in the continuing growth of CATC. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SWOSU and the CATC Board of Regents, SWOSU grants dual enrollment to lower division, undergraduate students wishing to enroll as CATC students, and the courses taken through this dual enrollment process are transferable to any HLC accredited institution. In March 2010 President Mann met with the new SWOSU President Randy Beutler, and he affirmed his commitment to maintaining the partnership arrangement between SWOSU and CATC.

In March 2010, American Indian Student Services, University of Colorado, Denver (UCD) hosted the Third Annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Studies Conference in Denver. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Department of Education, Department of Health, and CATC jointly sponsored the event. Tribal elders with the RESPECT Program, representatives of Wind River Tribal College, Chief Dull Knife College and students from UCD were among those who attended the two-day conference.

On June 17, 2010 Ferlin Clark, President of Diné College and some of his staff and students, stopped by campus. They were returning to Arizona from a prayer meeting they had sponsored at the Native American Church of North America National Con-

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vention held at Concho. This was a historic meeting between the earliest and the latest of tribal colleges and universities (TCUs).

Enrollment for both semesters of the 2009-2010 academic year was 110 and 31 students were enrolled for the 2010 summer session. Unfortunately, the current CATC student count is down to 80, and the factors for dropping out are family issues, lack of transportation, inadequate finances, and academic reasons.

Educational success cannot be measured in numbers alone. It must take into account the difference education is making toward improving the quality of life of tribal members, and the hope that CATC represents to those who traditionally have been denied access to higher education.

To date, the tribal college has graduated 35 students at the associate degree level. Primarily adjunct faculty, the president and vice-president teach CATC courses. This current Spring 2011 semester tribal member Carrie (Kay Kay Franklin) Whitlow has joined the CATC faculty.

CATC is a developing higher education institution that pro-

motes students’ self-esteem and cultural identity and is dedicated to preserving the cultures and languages of the Tsistsistas and Hinónóéí. It also is adhering to its mission “to provide a quality cultural based and academically rigorous general education for tribal and non-tribal citizens.”

CATC has laid down a solid academic foundation and is proactive about achieving autonomy. The immediate need is a separate facility located on tribal land. When that happens, CATC will have to take incremental steps in assuming more responsibility for itself, independent from the accreditation and services provided by SWOSU, and will require considerably more funding than the Tribes have provided.

In early October 2010 SWOSU President Randy Beutler and CATC President Henrietta Mann paid a courtesy visit to Governor Janice Boswell. They discussed educational funding and reaffirmed the mutual support of SWOSU and the Tribes.

CATC continues its collaboration with Dr. Lynn Paxson, Associate Professor, College of Design, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa and her Architectural Design Class. She is planning to bring her class to campus in February 2011 for the third

year in the continuing initiative to design a tribal college facility/campus.

Much like the previous generations of Cheyennes and Arapahos, who ventured into unknown “new lands” on their pilgrimage to the southern plains, the current generations through their own tribal college are venturing into new educational territory, hopeful about the good this new tribal college will bring to them.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes should be proud of the progress of CATC, which has been accomplished with minimal funding. CATC staff believes in the value of higher education and providing an opportunity to tribal members to get an education that is consistent with their heritage as Tsistsistas and Hinónóéí.

In order to keep the tribal public informed, CATC is pleased to have space in each edition of the *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* called the “CATC Corner.” Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief of the paper, who is a good friend to CATC, makes this informational forum available. Thank you Rosemary.

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Tribal College  
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## Man of many hats

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Courtesy photos  
John K. Fletcher (middle) is surrounded by some of his children and grandchildren.

Fletcher enjoyed his eight-year hobby of boxing in a ring. He would travel to Oklahoma City to compete for his weight class division, winning a few trophies along the way.

Fletcher said his wife Wilma would tease him after his late nights of getting home from a fight and she would rise her fist up and shake it at him and say, “I’ve got a fist myself.”

The conversation between Fletcher and his daughter Mary had struck emotion as they sat and looked at each other.



John and Wilma Fletcher enjoying one of their new grandbabies.

“My wife has passed,” Fletcher said quietly. Tears flowed from Mary’s eyes as she shared a story about the time her mother died.

“My mother died on Nov. 3, 2003 and a month later my father had a terrible stroke on Dec. 3, 2003,” Mary said.

Mary looked at her father, softly smiled and said, “The family lives by the Arapaho heritage and culture to this day and we were all raised in the Arapaho ways.”

Today Fletcher resides at the Geary Nursing Home due to a stroke that occurred in 2003 leaving the left side of his body unable to function properly. Fletcher has also been diagnosed with alzheimers and said his fondest memories he has left is of his family.

“I am grateful to live close to my children and family,” Fletcher said.



Kenny Rogers



Photos by Rebecka Lyman  
John Conlee

## Country music traditions

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

Country music listeners gather under the big top for some traditional country music.

On Jan. 14, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. show cased two concerts. A performance by Kenny Rogers and a performance by John Conlee.

Opening the concert was Conlee, the “man with the rose colored glasses”, who it is said, “is a no hype kind of man.” Born and raised in Kentucky farm country he remains a giving man by being part of nine farm aid concerts in the U.S. raising over \$13 million dollars to aid farmers.

His performance brought laughter to the crowd with his funny commentary between each song.

By age 10 Conlee had begun singing and playing guitar, yet Conlee did not immediately take up a musical career,

instead he became a licensed mortician, and later a disc jockey at a radio station.

Kenny Rogers, performed next and has charted more than 120 hit singles across various music platforms. He has topped the country and pop album charts for more than 200 individual weeks in the U.S. alone. Beyond the 1990s, Rogers was back in the number one spot for the first time in more than a decade with his single *Buy Me a Rose*.

This made Rogers, at the age of 61, the oldest artist in the history of country music to reach the country charts. In doing so, he broke a 26-year old record held by Hank Snow.

Rogers held the record until 2003 when 70-year old Willie Nelson became the oldest artist to have a number one hit, a duet with Toby Keith called *Beer for my Horses*, on the country charts.

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